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CDC Wants to Expand Power to Eliminate Measles What You Need To Know

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By Barbara Loe Fisher

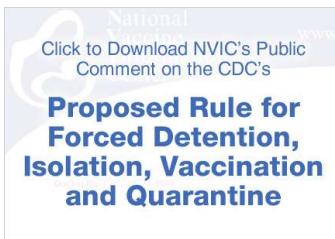
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I remember the day in 2007, when I was standing in front of a Maryland country courthouse videotaping interviews with mothers and fathers lined up with children, who had been thrown out of school for failing to show proof they had gotten

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chickenpox and hepatitis B shots.¹² State public health officials were threatening the parents with fines and jail time and suddenly, as we were talking, men in uniforms with guns and dogs emerged from the courthouse and headed toward us. In the pit of my stomach I could feel the same fear that people in countries throughout history have felt when the exercise of freedom of thought, speech and conscience is met with a demonstration of police power wielded by agents of the State.



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Today, the American people are challenged, as they have never been before, to confront the expansion of government authority over our bodies and the bodies of our children, specifically the exercise of police power to take us into custody and isolate us without our consent whenever public health officials believe we are sick or could become sick. At stake is the preservation of human rights and cultural values that have been part of America since the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights defined civil liberties two centuries ago.

Are public health officials getting ready to apprehend and quarantine you or your child if they believe you are, or could become, infected with measles or any other communicable disease they decide is a threat to the public health?

Are they enlisting airline and other public transportation personnel to help them conduct a dragnet that will be easy for you to get caught up in when you travel?

Once you are detained, can they hold you for 72 hours against your will until you agree to be vaccinated or they declare you are no longer a threat?

Is this for real or not? You be the judge.

CDC Moves to Amend Public Health Service Act



During the last days of summer, while we were vacationing, shopping for school supplies or, in the case of Virginia families, while we were busy pleading with legislators to protect the medical and religious vaccine exemptions in state vaccine law,³⁴ public health officials at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) were quietly publishing a very long Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the August 15, 2016 *Federal Register* (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/08/15/2016-18103/control-of-communicable-diseases>) to amend federal public health law.⁵ The part of the Public Health Service Act they want to strengthen is the part that gives them power under the US Constitution⁶⁷ to restrict the freedom of a person entering the U.S. or traveling between states if they believe the person is infected or could become infected with certain kinds of communicable diseases.⁸

You only have until Oct. 14, 2016 to [make a public comment to the CDC](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/08/15/2016-18103/control-of-communicable-diseases#open-comment) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/08/15/2016-18103/control-of-communicable-diseases#open-comment>) and contact your legislators in Congress, so please take this seriously because what the CDC is proposing applies to all Americans who travel outside the country or between states, especially on commercial airlines. In the future, it could extend to any form of transportation when you cross state lines, including by bus, train or car.

Involves States With Police Powers

This Notice of Proposed Rule Making – or NPRM – involves the participation of federally funded state health departments and state facilities, too, because the majority of police power to detain, isolate and quarantine citizens belongs to the states.⁹¹⁰ Many state legislatures, which have legal authority to pass laws controlling communicable diseases within state borders, voted to give public health officials expanded police powers after Sept. 11, 2001 by adopting the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act (MSEHPA) ¹¹¹²¹³ and The Turning Point Model State Public Health Act ¹⁴ created at Georgetown University's Center for Law and the Public's Health and the CDC Collaborating Center Promoting Health through Law.

If this NPRM is implemented and the states follow suit, you and your children could be vulnerable to detention and quarantine if health officials decide you are, or could become, a transmitter of measles or other infections because, for example, your electronic medical records reveal you have not gotten every dose of every CDC recommended vaccine. Let's not forget that no government agency, corporation or person, who creates, produces, sells, licenses, recommends, mandates or administers a federally recommended vaccine to you or your child, has accountability or liability in a court of law in front of a jury of your peers if you become brain injured or die from vaccination.¹⁵¹⁶¹⁷



The Quarantine List Was Short But Not Anymore

In a nutshell, the federal government is consolidating and strengthening power that was originally used to prevent persons with yellow fever and cholera from disembarking from ships entering US ports in the 19th century and causing epidemics on land.¹⁸ For most of our country's history, the list of contagious diseases that allowed government health officials to detain and quarantine people without their informed consent was appropriately very short, confined to a few very serious contagious diseases, including yellow fever, smallpox, cholera, diphtheria, infectious tuberculosis, and the plague.

It is worth noting that polio was never put on that list.

In the past 15 years, CDC officials persuaded two Presidents to issue Executive Orders in 2003, 2005 and 2014 to expand the "isolate and quarantine" list. In 2003, Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers, such as Ebola, and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS were added.¹⁹ In 2005, pandemic influenza was added.²⁰ But in 2014, the Presidential Executive Order did not name a specific disease that would warrant detention and quarantine, it simply described "diseases associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness" that have "the potential to cause a pandemic" or are "highly likely to cause mortality or serious morbidity if not properly controlled."²¹

Now, the word, "morbidity," means the incidence or how often a disease occurs in a population,²² and is very different from mortality, which means death. There are many viral and bacterial infections that occur quite often in our country, like bronchitis and the stomach flu. Almost every infection has the potential to cause serious complications, injury or death for some people, but that doesn't mean government health officials should have the power to take you into custody and isolate you if you look sick or have been around someone who is sick.

Displaying symptoms of respiratory illness is wide-open territory, and those symptoms can be due to everything from severe allergies, asthma and COPD to sinus infections, pertussis, measles, chickenpox, and pneumonia. Other symptoms that could get you detained under the NPRM are vomiting and diarrhea or a fever over 100 degrees, which are common to everything from allergic reactions, inflammatory bowel disease, salmonella and norovirus infections to hangovers and the common cold. How about a headache with stiff neck that could be nothing more than a bad migraine?

CDC Puts Measles in Same Basket with Ebola

So people took notice when the CDC announced on Aug. 15 that there was an urgent need to amend federal public health law to "reduce and mitigate the risk of outbreaks of Ebola, MERS, measles and other communicable diseases in the U.S."

Ebola and....MEASLES?

Let's see, Ebola is a lethal, highly contagious virus that can quickly overwhelm and damage the human immune system and cause uncontrollable bleeding from the eyes, nose, mouth and every orifice, killing 25 to 90 percent of people who get it.²³²⁴ And then there is measles, which I remember having as a child for a week while I took naps, wore sunglasses and read books with my Mom, ate chicken noodle soup and sipped fruit juice until the spots went away. That was my experience with measles in the 1950's and it was the commonplace experience of 99.99 percent of baby boomers in America, who got measles or chickenpox.



In 1960, three years before the measles vaccine was licensed, the death rate for that childhood infection was 0.2 cases per 100,000 persons.²⁵ Before the chickenpox vaccine was licensed in 1995, there were about 100 deaths per year in a U.S. population of 260 million people.²⁶ A case of measles or chickenpox does not come close to qualifying as a public health emergency that requires a person to be taken into custody by a government official.

Have a Rash? You Could Be Detained

And, yet, the CDC is arguing that, "The ongoing persistence of measles in the United States provides a good example of the need for this NPRM,"²⁷ and "Although not a quarantinable communicable disease, every case of measles in the United States is considered a public health emergency because of its extremely high transmissability."²⁸

So in the NPRM, the CDC defines a potentially "ill" person deserving of special government scrutiny to be someone with "areas of the skin with multiple red bumps, red, flat spots or blister like bumps filled with fluid or pus that are intact or partially crusted over," warning ominously that "the presence of skin rash, along with fever, may indicate that the traveler has measles, rubella (German measles), varicella (chickenpox) meningococcal disease or smallpox."²⁹



Smallpox? As in the infectious disease that the smallpox vaccine is supposed to have eradicated from the earth? Or is the CDC talking about weaponized smallpox, as in the weapons of mass destruction that have never been found and prompted the U.S. Congress to create a lucrative public-private partnership with the pharmaceutical industry after Sept. 11, 2001 to create lots of new liability free vaccines under the umbrella of "bioterrorism?"³⁰³¹

OK, let's accept that there is an extremely small possibility that the traveler could be infected with weaponized smallpox, but let's also admit that it is far more likely that the traveler with a skin rash is suffering from a bad sunburn, acne, rosacea, eczema, psoriasis, the hives, or severe allergies and that a mild fever could be due to an old fashioned cold. The specter of babies with eczema, teenagers with acne and families who spent too much time in the sun being pulled off airplanes and detained in CDC quarantine centers³² at airports around the country is comical, if it were not such an obvious warning that Americans are in clear and present danger from federal

government overreach.

CDC officials appear to be obsessed with measles in the NPRM. They point out that, "different diseases may elicit different levels of responses at the public health department level, with a more rapid response for highly infectious diseases like measles that can be prevented with timely post-exposure prophylaxis, and a more measured response for less infectious diseases like TB."³³ The term "post-exposure prophylaxis" means they want to inject you with MMR vaccine.

Tuberculosis has been on the "isolation and quarantine" list for decades. Now the CDC is implying that measles is more dangerous than tuberculosis. Come to think of it, the NPRM looks like it was written with Merck - the sole source supplier of MMR vaccine in the U.S. - at the drawing table.

CDC Wants Airline Personnel to Report If You Are Sick

In the NPRM, the CDC uses their familiar refrain, “communicable diseases are just a flight away,” and this is a heads up that your airport experience is about to become an even bigger nightmare than it already is if their plan becomes law. Frequent flyers, you should know that the CDC wants to, in effect, deputize commercial airline personnel to step up surveillance on passengers, who have rashes, diarrhea, vomiting, low grade fevers, coughing or otherwise “appear obviously unwell” and report them to health officials.³⁴ I wonder how much money it is going to cost the airlines to train their personnel to be infection control nurses and snitch on passengers who “appear unwell” like coughing too much or going to the bathroom too often?



And if you are suspected of being sick or likely to get sick with an infection that health officials consider serious enough to qualify for detention, here is what will happen:

After You Are Taken Into Custody

After you are taken into government custody, it appears you can be held for 72 hours without the right to contact an attorney or anyone else to appeal your detention. You will be asked to sign a contract with the CDC that you consent to the “public health measures” being applied to you or your minor child, which may include “quarantine, isolation, conditional release, medical examination, hospitalization, vaccination, and treatment.”³⁵

But even if you don’t voluntarily agree to sign that contract, public health officials can still do whatever they want to do to you because “the individual’s consent shall not be considered a prerequisite to any exercise of any authority” by the CDC.³⁶ And if government officials do release you from detention, you can be electronically tracked and monitored, including by electronic tracking devices you have to wear or by email, cell phone texts, video conferencing and voicemail.³⁷

It will be easy for the CDC to electronically track and monitor your movements after they release you. Since the early 1990’s, when Congress passed the phony HIPAA “privacy” legislation, federal health officials have been using your tax dollars to create and operate electronic medical records and vaccine tracking systems that use health care identifiers to keep tabs on how healthy or sick you are, what kind of drugs you take, and which vaccines you have gotten.³⁸³⁹⁴⁰ HMOs are hooked in⁴¹ so your medical information, including your vaccination status, can be shared with government researchers, pharmaceutical companies and law enforcement officials.⁴²

You Can Be Fined and Jailed for Disobeying CDC Orders

And if the CDC finds you guilty of disobeying their orders and they believe you transmitted an infection to someone else, you can be fined “\$100,000 if the violation does not result in a death, or one year in jail, or both, or a fine of no more than \$250,000 if the violation results in a death, or one year in jail or both.”⁴³ Plus they have added this curious language without explanation: “Violations by organizations are subject to a fine of no more than \$200,000 per event if the violation does not result in a death, or \$500,000 per event if the violation results in a death.”⁴⁴

Right now, measles is not officially on the “detain and quarantine list.” But measles easily could be put on that “isolate and quarantine” list if CDC officials convince the President to issue an Executive Order if or when the NPRM becomes law after Oct. 14, 2016.

Eradicating Measles From the World

It is no mystery why the CDC gave measles a lot of attention in the NPRM. Measles is the next infection that the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control want to “eradicate” through global forced vaccination programs like they did with smallpox and polio.⁴⁵⁴⁶⁴⁷⁴⁸ In underdeveloped countries, armed police with dogs join forces with doctors with syringes and hunt down every last citizen to get them vaccinated⁴⁹⁵⁰⁵¹ with, in this case, it would be an MMR shot or two, or three...or more.

Reportedly, the global measles eradication campaign ⁵² will kick into high gear after public health officials soon make the announcement that polio has been eradicated from the earth. ⁵³ That declaration will be made, even though vaccine strain polio paralysis is crippling children, who have been given live oral polio vaccine over and over and over again in mass vaccination “pulse” campaigns. ⁵⁴⁵⁵⁵⁶⁵⁷



The Long Arm of the Public Health Police

It looks like federal health officials are upping the ante in the high stakes chess game that industry, government and medical trade have been playing with the freedom of the American people for a long time. The long arm of the public health police is being felt already in states like Mississippi, West Virginia and California, which have eliminated vaccine exemptions, and forced vaccination lobbyists in dozens of other states are attacking exemptions protecting freedom of thought, conscience and religious belief. ⁵⁸⁵⁹ Pediatricians are being encouraged to become belligerent enforcers of vaccination and deny medical care to children, whose

parents refuse to give them every one of the 69 doses of 16 vaccines CDC officials recommend. ^{60 6162} And nobody can forget the manufactured public health crisis in 2015, when a few cases of measles at Disneyland turned into a media feeding frenzy, with calls for doctors to be stripped of their medical licenses for criticizing vaccine safety and providing care to unvaccinated children, and for censorship of freedom of speech about vaccination, and for parents of unvaccinated children to be charged with medical child abuse, sued, fined and jailed.⁶³

Sound familiar?

Most Americans support laws that prevent people infected with a highly contagious lethal virus like Ebola from entering or traveling in the country. That is why there was a justifiable public uproar in the summer of 2014, when public health officials failed to exercise the Constitutional authority they have always had to prevent persons infected with or exposed to Ebola from entering or traveling in the U.S.⁶⁴

But measles is not Ebola and chickenpox is not smallpox.

Millions of Americans Want Vaccine Freedom of Choice

Public surveys show that 87 percent of parents have declined one or more federally recommended vaccines for their children ⁶⁵ and one-third of all U.S. adults ⁶⁶ and 42 percent of Americans under age 30 ⁶⁷ don't think parents should be forced to vaccinate their children. That is a lot of Americans wanting to exercise freedom of thought, speech and conscience when it comes to vaccination. But even supporters of mandatory vaccination laws need to pause and reflect upon a federal government plan to take into custody and quarantine people who have a rash or cough a lot.

Just read the hundreds of public comments already posted on the CDC's website by outraged citizens. ⁶⁸ After you do that, please post your own comment, too, before Oct. 14 and contact your members of Congress, ⁶⁹ who may not be aware of what the CDC is trying to do. Signing an online petition or “liking” an article on Facebook is not enough. You need to make direct contact by phone, email or in person with the people who represent you in Congress and express your sincere concerns.

The CDC's proposed change to the Public Health Service Act is not about health. It is about taking away civil liberties that keep Americans safe from tyranny. It is about getting permission to tag, track and force individuals against their will to be injected with biologicals of known and unknown toxicity today, so there will be no limit on which individual freedoms the State can take away in the name of the greater good tomorrow.

The question is: Will be American people let them get away with it?

Will you let them get away with it?



Or will you stand with the growing citizen army of enlightened Americans who are defending the human right to freedom of thought, speech, conscience, religion and informed consent in this great country of ours. You know what needs to be done. Stand up and protect your civil liberties now, so you will never have to wish you had when you still had the freedom to do it.

Before it is too late, browse our site and go to [NVICAdvocacy.org](http://www.nvicadvocacy.org) (<http://www.nvicadvocacy.org>) to learn how to become a vaccine freedom advocate in your state.

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Sandy Stinson

I want to make my own decision to put toxic chemicals into my body, not be forced by the government and big Pharma. If 5 vaccines were ok in 1950, why now do children need 49-69 vaccines? I am healthy, I am taking no medication, (66yr) haven't seen a Dr for about 27years, (except a boating accident a few years ago) never had a flu shot, never get sick. When our freedom to choose is taken away, what next?

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Elizabeth Erkenswick

I can't believe there is only 1 comment so far! People should be enraged if they truly understand the level of damage to people's health that would ensue if we are forced to vaccinate...We will post this on our site for thousands. God bless your work, Barbara..interesting that the Movie VAXXED JUST CAME OUT TOO!

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Lisa D.

I have commented on the regulations.gov site. This is outrageous. In CA children cannot attend school without every vaccination whether they have had previous vaccine reactions/damage or not. Medical exemptions are difficult if not impossible to attain. Apparently seizures and other clear medical problems such as high fever, eczema, and various other medical reactions aren't considered important enough to exempt a child. Doctors are being harassed for considering their patient's needs over the needs of the state to vaccinate. If we can be detained for any reason we have a serious problem folks. Even if this rule change doesn't result in immediate consequences, the long-term picture is bleak. We are losing our rights. Please everyone..do whatever you can in your sphere of influence to inform, influence, and educate. So many have bought the fear based propaganda that is circulating. Thank-you Barbara for your thoughtful and tireless work.

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John T

It really is amazing to hear this is going on in our society. My whole life I'm taught not to take drugs and to keep my body clean by eating healthy food. Keep your hands to yourself. Treat others with respect. Do on to others. Etc. so ultimately anyone US citizen that would actually carry out this type of behavior is to be blamed! I know most of you were raised better as I have.

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Robert Bjerk

I read the CDC proposal as well as I could (it is long and complicated), and registered my opposition to mandatory vaccinations on suspicion of contagious disease. However, I didn't notice any mention of vaccinations in the proposal (I could have missed it.) I just want to be sure this is not a mistaken claim against the CDC, as Snopes (not always reliable) claims: <http://www.snopes.com/cdc-forced-vaccinations/>

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Steven G

I believe everyone should take the time to become educated on these issues. Especially one as important as this one. I'm not one to force my ideas or opinions on anyone. I believe in educating and or enlightening individuals on matters that I think are important to everyone as a whole and them let them make their own decision.

What we have forgotten is that we the people have the power to not be ruled by a handful of officials. They work for us and if they are not doing their job correctly, it is our responsibility to remove them and replace them with someone who will do the job correctly. It's as simple as that. If you give your power away then you will have to live with the consequences that come with that decision. I also believe that all law enforcement and military personal take an oath to defend the American citizens against all enemies foreign and DOMESTIC and from what I know and have heard from them directly they will uphold this oath.

Do not be afraid, stand up for what you believe is right. It is not up to us to prove to them that their vaccines are harmful. It is up to them to prove to us that they are not harmful. I have seen article after article, documented studies by medical professionals and statistics that have only proven to me that vaccines in themselves are not only ineffective against the very things they are guarding you from but in fact are harmful to your health. If there was no clear and present danger to taking the suggested vaccines then why is it that all parties associated with these vaccine cannot be held liable for any damage they may impose on your physical being. Does that make sense to anyone??? That is like saying that I can design a car with known safety issues and being exempt from being held responsible for any injuries that it may cause from its use even though I know it is probably going to hurt you.

I could go on and on but I only ask. Prove to me that it is safe and I will stand behind you 100%. The problem is you know you cannot HONESTLY tell me that it is. United we stand, Divided we fall.

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Teresa Tittle

This is nothing but pure Communism and the Globalists want to control this whole world.

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Jolene F

Do not expand this list in this manner. Ebola and measles do not carry the same consequences. Don't treat people with these diseases the same way.

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Chris Huff

I'm a big fan of this site and the important work going on. However, there is an error in reference to footnote 65. Barbara writes, "Public surveys show that 87 percent of parents have declined one or more federally recommended vaccines for their children". When you click on the source, the article actually says that 87 percent of *physicians* reported that they had patients who refused vaccines, and that said physicians reported 14% of parents refused 1 or more vaccines. I'm sure this was just an oversight, please correct as we don't need any accusations of exaggeration. Thank you again for all your great work!

EDITORS NOTE: Thank you Chris for identifying this. We will take the appropriate steps to rectify this article. Thank you for your assistance and your support. Your health. Your family. Your choice!

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Eileen Kramer

So appreciative of all your efforts to get justice for the people!! Passing a law that the CDC can not be held liable for any ill health following vaccination, makes them look very guilty! Us who have seen the injuries with our own eyes, and are dealing with autism; etc. can't be swayed, to believe the garbage they try to brain wash us with!

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Velma Hart

I have a question: If people choose to be vaccinated, how are they in danger if other people choose not to be? Shouldn't the vaccine protect them?

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gaga

this post is well written

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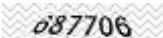
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